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SUBJECT: DRAWING AFRICAN ATTENTION TO SOVIET ACTIVITY IN
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THE HORN

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1. WE DESIRE TO CALL TO AFRICAN LEADERS' ATTENTION SOVIET
ROLE OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA, THUS
FUELING CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO STATES IN THE OGADEN. WE

HOPE THIS WILL RESULT BOTH IN GREATER AWARENESS OF SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY AND IN PUBLIC APPEALS TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPLYING ARMS SO THAT THERE CAN BE A CEASEFIRE AND A SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION EFFORT. PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTEL WAS DESIGNED TO START THE PROCESS OF BRINGING THIS SITUATION TO PUBLIC NOTICE, BUT CLEARLY EXPRESSIONS OF AFRICAN CONCERN WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN US STATEMENTS.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW EXPRESSIONS OF AFRICAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET ARMS POLICY IN HORN MIGHT BEST BE STIMULATED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT DIRECT US EFFORT TO STIMULATE SUCH EXPRESSIONS COULD, IN SOME COUNTRIES, BE SEEN AS SELF-SERVING AND WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. WE WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT CONCERN MIGHT BE VOICED NOT ONLY BY MODERATES BUT ESPECIALLY BY SOME "PROGRESSIVE" STATES. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME YOUR

SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHICH AFRICAN LEADERS MIGHT BE RECEPTEIVE TO US APPROACH AND WHAT TYPE OF APPROACH WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO PRODUCE RESULTS (E.G., INFORMAL APPROACH BY US OR OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADOR, APPROACH BY THIRD-WORLD AMBASSADOR, LETTER FROM SECRETARY OR PRESIDENT CARTER).

3. PLEASE REPORT REACTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT TO ANY DISCUSSION YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE HORN CONFLICT. VANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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